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SUBJECT: RSAF SURVEY INITIAL SUMMARY

1. REFTEL STATED THAT A PRIMARY REASON FOR FURNISHING MODA WITH A WRITTEN SUMMARY OF THE INTIAL FINDINGS OF THE US AIR FORCE'S SURVEY OF THE RSAF WAS TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON DURING UPCOMING VISIT OF PRINCE FAHD.

2. WITH FAHD'S DEPARTURE FOR US NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19, WE URGE THAT AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT SUMMARY TO SALTAN AS PROPOSED REFTEL BE PROVIDED.  
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A. RECOMMEND THAT THE AIRCRAFT FORCE BE EXPANDED AND MODERNIZED BY:

(1) PURCHASE OF 40 ADDITIONAL F-5E AND 20 F-5F AIRCRAFT  
TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING AND PROGRAMMED F-5 FORCE,  
WITH DELIVERIES TENTATIVELY PROPOSED FOR 1976-79.

(2) PURCHASE OF 12 ADDITIONAL C-130/KC-130 AIRCRAFT  
TO INCREASE AIRLIFT/REFUELING CAPACITY FOR SUPPORT OF  
ALL SAUDI ARABIAN ARMED FORCES, WITH DELIVERIES  
TENTATIVELY PROPOSED FOR 1977.

(3) PURCHASE OF 14 ADDITIONAL AB-212-TYPE HELICOPTERS  
FOR AN EXPANDED SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITY (SAR),  
WITH DELIVERIES TENTATIVELY PROPOSED FOR 1978-79.

(4) PURCHASE OF TURBOPROP AIRCRAFT FOR USE AS A LIGHT  
TRANSPORT AND FOR MULTI-ENGINE AIRCREW TRAINING, WITH  
PROPOSED INTRODUCTION IN 1977.

(5) CONSIDERATION OF PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS  
WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE CAPABILITY AND SURVIVABILITY  
OF THE F-5 FORCE BY RETROFIT OR PRODUCTION INCORPORATION  
OF ADVANCED SYSTEMS.

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(6) CONSIDERATION OF AN ADVANCED MULTI-PURPOSE FIGHTER  
AIRCRAFT AS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE LIGHTNING WITH INTRODUCTION  
TENTATIVELY PROPOSED FOR 1980.

(7) CONSIDERATION OF AN ADVANCED HELICOPTER WITH AIR-  
REFUELING CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR LONG-RANGE  
SEARCH AND RESCUE, WITH INTRODUCTION TENTATIVELY  
PROPOSED FOR 1982.

B. RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE PURCHASE  
OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS/SYSTEMS (INCLUDING FOLLOW-  
ON TECHNICAL STUDIES, AS REQUIRED) WHICH WOULD:

(1) ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
TO ADDRESS ALL FACETS OF PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT,  
TRAINING, AND MANAGEMENT INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR  
HOUSING AND RECREATION FACILITIES.

(2) ESTABLISH A MANPOWER AND ORGANIZATION SYSTEM TO

FACILITATE THE EFFICIENT PROGRAMMING AND UTILIZATION OF PERSONNEL RESOURCES.

(3) FURTHER EXPAND AND DEVELOP THE RSAF LOGISTICS SYSTEM IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY SUPPORT THE PRESENT AND FUTURE FORCE STRUCTURE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE INTRODUCTION OF COMPUTER AUTOMATED SYSTEMS, MODERNIZATION OF DEPOT SUPPLY OPERATIONS, ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE DEPOT AND INCREASED MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY OVER PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT FUNCTIONS.

(4) PROVIDE FOR MASTER PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES AND BASES WHICH WILL PROPERLY SUPPORT THE REQUIREMENTS OF AN EXPANDED AND MODERNIZED RSAF.

(5) PROVIDE FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY TO PROPERLY SERVICE THE RADAR GROUND ENVIRONMENT SYSTEM AS WELL AS PROVIDE FOR OTHER COMMAND AND CONTROL REQUIREMENTS OF THE RSAF.

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C. RECOMMEND A PROGRAM FOR ACCELERATING THE OPERATIONAL DATE OF THE EXISTING RADAR SYSTEM ON A 24-HOUR PER DAY/ SEVEN DAY PER WEEK BASIS, AND ADOPTION OF A PROGRAM FOR THE ORDERLY EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING RADAR NETWORK TO PROVIDE INCREASED COVERAGE AND CAPABILITY.

D. RECOMMEND UPGRADING OF THE RSAF INTELLIGENCE MISSION AND PROGRAM.

4. FOR PROPER PERSPECTIVE, IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS LISTED ABOVE ARE GENERAL IN NATURE AND HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN REVIEWED OR APPROVED BY THE USG. QUITE NATURALLY, THERE IS NO COMMITMENT INCURRED ON THE PART OF EITHER THE SAUDI ARABIAN OR U.S. GOVERNMENTS UNTIL THE PLAN HAS BEEN FINALIZED BY THE USG AND MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

5. AS YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS CAN WELL APPRECIATE, THE UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE FOR MAJOR EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE RSAF REQUIRES A GREAT AMOUNT OF THOUGHT, STUDY, AND PLANNING BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION CAN BE EFFECTED. IN ADDITION, CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED RSAF PLAN WILL, OF NECESSITY, REQUIRE FOLLOW-ON STUDY AND PLANNING IN ORDER TO PROPERLY IDENTIFY TOTAL REQUIREMENTS AND TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS THAT WILL OBTAIN THE DESIRED RESULTS WITHOUT AN UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURE OF RESOURCES.

ALLOW ME TO RENEW TO YOUR HIGHNESS THE ASSURANCES OF  
MY HIGHEST ESTEEM. SIGNED: BG JOHN G. HILL"

4. REQUEST WASHINGTON'S AUTHORIZATION TO DELIVER ABOVE  
LETTER AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. A LONGER, "EXECUTIVE"  
SUMMARY, AS WELL AS COMPLETE RSAF SURVEY AND  
PLAN, WILL BE PRESENTED TO WASHINGTON FOR REVIEW PRIOR  
TO JUNE 1 PRESENTATION TO MINDEF SULTAN (PER REF C).

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WE CANNOT DELAY RELEASE OF  
RSAF REPORT TO AWAIT COMPLETION OF ARMY AND JOINT  
ELEMENT SURVEYS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO A JUNE 1 PRE-

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SENTATION DATE TO MINDEF SULTAN. THIS DATE IS IMPORTANT  
FOR MODA PLANNING PURPOSES, SINCE IT ALLOWS ONLY  
SHORT TIME FOR PREPARATION OF MODA BUDGETARY ESTIMATES  
FOR SAG FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 20. FAILURE TO  
ALLOCATE FUNDS IN NEW FISCAL YEAR WILL MEAN YEAR'S DELAY  
IN IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION, KING'S LETTER TO SUTAN,  
AND SULTAN'S LETTER OF DECEMBER 13 TO AMBASSADOR, REPORTED  
REF E, SPOKE OF DESIRE THAT RESULTANT RSAF  
PLAN BE IMPLEMENTED BY USG AS A TOTAL PACKAGE. SUCH  
AN APPROACH WOULD SUGGEST THE CREATION OF TH RSAF  
EQUIVALENT OF THE SNEP OP-63C PROJECT OFFICE, WITH  
RESPONSIBILITY OF OVERSEEING IMPLEMENTATION OF ENTIRE  
RSAF IMPROVEMENT PACKAGE. SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD  
ELIMINATE POTENTIAL FOR GRAFT, AND WOULD PROVIDE THE  
NEEDED MANAGERIAL KNOW-HOW TO INSURE COORDINATION OF  
VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF PLAN, PARTICULARLY MANPOWER TRAINING.  
THIS OVERALL APPROACH WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH  
INTIMATE COOPERATION FORESEEN IN NEW USG-SAG RELATIONSHIP,  
AND WOULD GIVE MORE SUBSTANCE TO TALK OF CLOSER  
COOPERATION. EMBASSY BELIEVES SERIOUS CONSIDERATION  
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CREATION OF SUCH A PROJECT OFFICE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL TO DELIVER LETTER PROPOSED  
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